

# Publication of Adult Safeguarding and Provider Concerns Thematic Safeguarding Adults Review

## Independent Chair's Statement on behalf of Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board

This review involves two very upsetting cases and first and foremost our thoughts and sympathies are with Rosemarie's and Mearl's families and friends. We are grateful to members of **Rosemarie's and Mearl's families** for taking the time to contribute to this review and for continuing to advocate for them after their deaths.

The Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board commissioned this independently-led Safeguarding Adults Review to identify learning from the events leading to the death of Rosemarie and Mearl, who were living at a local care home. Rosemarie sadly passed away, aged 53, of multi-organ failure and disseminated breast carcinoma. Mearl sadly died, aged 83, with cause of death recorded as pneumonia alongside infected pressure sore, bed bound secondary to degenerative lumbar/cervical spine, and type two diabetes and hypertension.

The Safeguarding Adults Review has identified important learning for the Haringey SAB and has recommended improvements, including:

- Resource allocation for quality assurance.
- Mental health support for residents in care settings.
- ICB/local authority monitoring of pressure ulcer care.
- Care provider management of complaints.
- Audits of hospital discharge.
- Collaboration between agencies in preventing and responding to abuse/neglect.

The purpose of a Safeguarding Adults Review is to learn from what has happened and to ensure that changes are made. The Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board will continue to work with the agencies involved in this case to monitor the implementation of recommendations arising from this review and to ensure that practices improve as a result.

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